

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On the 6th Day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Nine, The Honorable Mr. John H. Chafee, Secretary of the Navy, signed a certificate authorizing the presentation of the NAVY CROSS MEDAL, this nation's second highest award for combat valor, to Corporal Kenneth A. Korkow of Blunt, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 1968, Corporal Korkow's unit came under intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, and

WHEREAS, Corporal Korkow, then serving as Mortar Section Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Third Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam, quickly deployed his mortar section into firing positions and, moving about the fire-swept terrain fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, directed heavy barrages of accurate fire against the enemy forces, and

WHEREAS, Observing a Marine fall wounded by an enemy explosive device, he selflessly rushed into the hazardous area and assisted his injured comrade to an aid station established to the rear of his company, and

WHEREAS, Although seriously wounded himself, Corporal Korkow continued to encourage and assist his men and comfort the wounded until he was medically evacuated, and

WHEREAS, His intrepid fighting spirit inspired all who observed him and contributed immeasurably to the final defeat of the numerically superior enemy force, and

WHEREAS, By his uncommon valor and selfless devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, Corporal Korkow reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service, and

WHEREAS, The city of Blunt, South Dakota, will honor Corporal Korkow with a ceremony to be held in his honor at the Blunt High School gymnasium on April 28, 1969;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT I, FRANK L. FARRAR, Governor of the Great State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the Day of April 28, 1969, as

KENNETH A. KORKOW DAY

throughout the State of South Dakota in recognition of the acts of valor leading to the presentation of the NAVY CROSS MEDAL to Corporal Kenneth A. Korkow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Frank L. Farrar
FRANK L. FARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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